Diversity in Arizona

According to St. Luke's Health Initiatives, "By 2025 the Arizona population is expected to be 50% White and 50% people of color" (Arizona Health Futures, August 2007.) The provision of appropriate care relies on the diversity and cultural competence of Arizona providers.

AZ Demographic Data, 2006***		
Total population	6,239,482	
Population under age 24	2,275,878	
Persons under age 24	36.5%	
Persons 65 years old and over	13%	
Female persons	50%	
White persons	61%	
White persons under age 24	48.6%	
Black persons	4%	
Black persons under age 24	5%	
Hispanic/Latino persons	27%	
Hispanic/Latino persons under age 24	37%	
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native persons	5%	
Amer. Ind./AK Natives under age 24	7%	
Asian/Pacific Islander persons	2.6%	
Asian/Pacific Islanders under age 24	2.5%	
Foreign born persons	12.5%	
Urban / rural population	83.5 / 16.5%	
Persons below 100% poverty	14.2%	
AZ Disability Data, 2006*		
Persons with a disability, age 5 and older	14.2%	
Persons with a mental disability, age 5 and older	5.3%	

AHCCCS enrolled population, 2007****

White	30%
Black	6%
Hispanic	48%
American Indian	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5%
Other	3.5%

Percentage of adults reporting poor mental health, 2004**

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White	31.9%
Hispanic	29.8%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	45.3%
NSD for Black and Asian populations.	

NSD: Not Sufficient Data

Languages other than English, 2006*	Adults and children age 5 and older	Children 5-17
Language other than English spoken at home	1,593,871 (Spanish 78%)	364,768 (Spanish 85%)
Of those who speak another language, number who speak English "less than very well."	694,290 (Spanish 48%)	100,601 (Spanish 30.2%)

State data on substance use, access to treatment and psychological distress by age, 2004-2005 SAHMSA national data on ethnicity/race, drug/alcohol use and mental health status